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\*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: There has been no significant fighting reported in the past 24 hours.

US Marines have completed the second phase of Operation UNION, a major spoiling operation targeted against elements of the 2nd North Vietnamese Army in coastal Quang Tin Province. Heavy losses--including some 1,500 killed--suffered by the North Vietnamese during the operation will almost certainly forestall an early enemy offensive in the area. (Map)

[Infiltration of Cadre: There are indications that the Communists are sending a considerable number of "regrouped" cadre from North Vietnam into the delta.]

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[redacted] veteran Viet Cong cadre operating in the delta since the war against the French are becoming disaffected because of the recent arrival of younger cadre from North Vietnam. The new cadre, southerners who were "regrouped" in their early teens to North Vietnam after the 1954 Geneva accords, are apparently being used to relieve the veterans for more hazardous missions. [redacted] at least 150 such cadre were scheduled to arrive in the delta in April.]

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Although friction between newly infiltrated and "stay-behind" cadre has been reported before, the wholesale replacement of older cadre is unusual. This is also the first indication in recent years of any substantial influx of personnel from North Vietnam into the delta.]

[Political Developments in South Vietnam: Premier Ky is apparently moving ahead with efforts to broaden the base of his political support.]

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Dam Van Quy, a former chief of Binh Thuan Province and a member of the Provisional National Assembly, is establishing a new political party with the stated objectives of promoting the interests of minority peoples and supporting the country's war effort.

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[redacted] the primary purpose of the new party is to win ethnic minority support for Premier Ky's bid for the presidency. [redacted]

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The new party may also be designed to play a role in a national political front which leaders of various other political and religious groups have reportedly agreed to create in support of Ky's candidacy. [redacted]

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\*Communist China - North Vietnam: An indirect but sharp personal attack on Mao Tse-tung, published in the North Vietnamese party journal Hoc Tap about three weeks ago, could suggest that new friction has developed between Peking and Hanoi.

Difficulties in Sino-Vietnamese relations have recurred for more than two years--mainly linked with Soviet support for the Vietnamese Communists. This, however, is the first time Hanoi has made such an open display of its displeasure with Peking. The nature of the trouble is not clear, but Hanoi's willingness to publish even an oblique criticism of Mao suggests that the Vietnamese were severely provoked by some recent Chinese action.

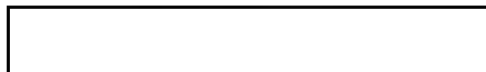
The Hoc Tap article appears intended only as a warning to Peking--possibly against Chinese meddling in Hanoi's domestic affairs or attempts to dictate on war policy. The Vietnamese have not as yet broadcast the article and are not known to have reprinted it in publications having a wider circulation than the elite party journal. Peking has thus far taken no public notice of the attack. The Chinese may have decided to overlook it and thus avoid a new provocation which might do further damage to Peking's influence with the Vietnamese. Chinese support for the war effort has continued without interruption.

The article, written on the occasion of Ho Chi Minh's birthday, concerns the proper relationship between leaders and the "masses." It praises Ho and compares his correct policies with the practices of "a certain leader" who "acts in accordance with his subjective views" while ignoring party councils. Hoc Tap inveighs against separating the workers from the "vanguard, the Communist Party." This is a point repeatedly stressed by the Soviets

\* Because of the shortage of time for preparation of this item, the analytic interpretation presented here has been produced by the Central Intelligence Agency without the participation of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

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in propaganda attacks on the Cultural Revolution in China; it is an unmistakable reference to Mao's creation and use of the Red Guards as a weapon against the regular party apparatus. Hoc Tap's stress on the importance of collective leadership and its warning about the dangers in "deification" of a leader are clearly intended as comments on the massive purge of the Chinese central committee and the cult of Mao. [REDACTED]

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Brazil: As part of its "independent" foreign policy the Costa e Silva government is trying to arouse public support for the use of nuclear explosive devices in economic development.

In recent statements, the number two man in Brazil's Foreign Ministry, Sergio Correa da Costa, explained his government's emphasis on nuclear development as a means of countering what he called "scientific neocolonialism." Further, he branded "technological underdevelopment" as the most onerous form of dependence. In line with this policy, and partly to lessen dependence on the US, Brazil has recently concluded nuclear energy agreements with France and Israel.

Correa da Costa denied that Brazil would "make bombs," but said it would accept no limitations on its sovereign right to carry on the research necessary to manufacture peaceful nuclear explosive devices. Both at the Geneva disarmament talks and when signing the Latin American Nuclear Free Zone treaty, Brazil has made clear its opposition to any nuclear nonproliferation agreement that would bar nonnuclear countries from developing such devices.

Brazil's present nuclear program is small and confined almost exclusively to basic research in the universities. [REDACTED]

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South Korea: President Pak Chong-hui's Democratic Republican Party (DRP) is expected to retain control of the National Assembly in tomorrow's elections, but with a reduced majority. The same factors which helped Pak gain a solid victory in the presidential election in April--the country's growing prosperity and the regime's effective electioneering--also favor the candidates of the DRP. Local issues, however, probably will cut into the DRP's present 112-seat majority in the 175-member unicameral legislature.

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Honduras - El Salvador: The Salvadoran Army has been placed on a state of emergency and army units are replacing national guardsmen along the disputed border with Honduras. A government communiqué of 5 June accused Honduras of continued border violations and suggested that Honduras is provoking a conflict to distract national attention from internal problems. \*Both countries appear to want a peaceful solution, however, and a bilateral commission which has been investigating the problem for over a week has reportedly reached agreement on a joint statement which will be issued this morning.

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